

Justice Bach sums up: Election campaign was our cleanest

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Last month's election culminated the cleanest campaign in the country's 36-year history, Justice Gavriel Bach, chairman of the Central Elections Committee for the 11th Knesset, declared yesterday.

Bach spoke at the Knesset's Great Hall, where the committee plenum held its final meeting before presenting the official results to President Herzog.

Praising the work of the thousands of paid and unpaid campaign workers and "their remarkable spirit of goodwill towards each other," Bach recalled warnings voiced on the eve of his appointment as committee chairman. These included: "It will be a violent campaign, with garbage thrown at rival candidates... 'Hooligans will come to rallies wearing brass knuckles'... 'The violence of the 1981 elections campaign will seem like child's

play compared with this campaign."

Bach said: "I am gratified that these warnings never became realities. Not only did Israelis stick to their democratic ideals during the campaign, but their parties went even further and voluntarily joined in a fair practices agreement early in the campaign."

Another innovation was the regular three-times-weekly meetings between Bach and party leaders, "where tiny fires were snuffed out before they could become major conflagrations."

Bach disclosed that his committee has already begun drafting a set of recommendations for improving the next election campaign, "which I hope will not be earlier than four years from now."

Though any member of the 36-man committee may put forward suggestions, Bach hinted that his own will include mechanization of

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Final election results

Following are the final official figures, presented by Bach to President Herzog at the formal election results reporting ceremonies yesterday evening. (The numbers in parentheses are those of the 1981 elections.)

List	Seats	Votes	Per cent
Alignment	44 (47)	724,074 (708,107)	34.9
Likud	41 (48)	661,302 (718,299)	31.9
Tehiya	5 (3)	83,037 (44,677)	4.0
NRP	4 (6)	73,530 (95,423)	3.5
Hadash	4 (4)	69,815 (64,452)	3.4
Sephardi			
Tora Guardians	4 (0)	63,605	3.1
Shinui	3 (2)	54,747 (29,834)	2.6
CRM	3 (1)	49,698 (27,875)	2.4
Yahad	3 (0)	46,302	2.2
Progressive List	2 (0)	38,012	1.8
Agudat Yisrael	2 (4)	36,079 (72,322)	1.7
Morasha	2 (0)	33,287	1.6
Tami	1 (3)	31,103 (44,431)	1.5
Kach	1 (0)	25,907	1.2
Omets	1 (0)	23,845	1.2

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Ministers expected to freeze government spending, hiring

By PINHAS LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministerial Economic Committee is to meet today to consider, and probably to approve, freezes in government spending and the hiring of new personnel.

In the background will be the publication of figures showing the largest ever injection of currency by the government in one month, and a likely sharp drop in the country's foreign currency reserves.

The ministers will discuss the proposal of Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orag to freeze all new government spending plans and commitments, barring only food, fuel and medical supplies. They are also expected to approve a freeze on

hiring new personnel in the public sector.

These steps, it is widely regarded, would usher in the long-awaited period of economic slowdown, possibly even recession. The government budget deficit is almost universally regarded as the primary cause of inflation, and its cutting seen as the essential first step towards restoring economic stability.

If the statistics of currency injection and the decline in the reserves are anywhere near as bad as expected — and the rumours speak of upwards of \$500 billion injected and a fall of \$500 million or more — then the government will be forced to take emergency measures if it is to retain any credibility either at home or abroad.

Air France plane hijacked

GENEVA (AP). — An Air France plane, hijacked on a flight from Frankfurt to Paris, was headed for Beirut late last night after a 90-minute refueling stop at Geneva Airport.

Geneva state councillor Robert Druet said the plane was commandeered by two or three men speaking "poor Arabic" and that the pilot told of hearing "shots fired."

He said the pilot, who was not identified, said the hijackers told him that "there may have been a death."

The plane, a Boeing 737, carried 58 passengers and a crew of six. The hijackers demanded to be flown to Teheran, but then decided on Beirut after Iranian authorities sent word that the plane would be refused permission to land.

After the plane had left for Beirut, Lebanese authorities closed Beirut Airport to prevent it from landing.

The plane was commandeered over Luxembourg, 22 minutes after it had left Frankfurt. A Frankfurt Airport spokesman said all 58 passengers had undergone the routine security checks.

It was the second hijacking of an Air France Frankfurt-Paris flight in less than five months. Last March 7, an Algerian student claiming to carry a bag with explosives, took control of a Boeing 737 and also forced it to land in Geneva.

He was overpowered by security agents disguised as ground personnel. Police said a pen-knife was the only weapon he carried. All 62 passengers were freed unharmed.



Supreme Court Justice Gavriel Bach, chairman of the Central Elections committee, yesterday signs the official election results in the Knesset. (Elihu Harari)

Jewish terrorist gets 3 years, 3 suspended

One of the accused in the Jewish underground case, Yosef Zuria, 27, was yesterday sentenced to three years in prison and three years suspended by the Jerusalem District Court. He was found guilty of conspiracy to blow up the Dome of the Rock on Jerusalem's Temple Mount, illegal possession of weapons and fraud.

Zuria, of Ramat Hasharon (formerly Ofra), admitted to the charges against him in a plea bargain, which resulted in the dropping of the charge of belonging to an illegal organization.

According to his confession, Zuria became involved in a plot to blow up the Dome of the Rock in 1982 and made 20 reconnaissance visits to inspect security arrangements at the site. He also assumed a false identity in order to purchase eight silencers for Uzi submachine guns for use by the underground.

Passing sentence, District Court Judge Yisrael Weiner spoke of the immense damage that would have been caused to the State of Israel had Muslim beliefs been violated by the evil plan to blow up the shrine.

However Weiner noted that Zuria had not been actively involved in damage to property, or transporting large quantities of weapons. He also took note of the character witnesses such as his army CO and university lecturers. The judge said it was particularly shameful that an intelligent person such as Zuria should have joined such a plot.

After sentence was passed, Zuria's defence attorney asked that he be released to serve in the army reserve, where he is an officer in a combat unit, "as a gesture of penitence." The request was denied.

Tar-Aluf (Res.) Avner Shalev, former chief education officer of the IDF and chairman of the Education Ministry's Arts Council, who is Zuria's father-in-law, said after the sentencing that the trial depicts the deep rift in Israeli society.

Apart from the great personal shock to the family which was totally unaware of Zuria's activities, "we all must engage in a great educational effort" to heal the rift and to bring about renewed coexistence between all the segments of our people, Shalev said. (Iim)

Lebanese Army weighs deployment in South

BEIRUT. — Lebanon's army commander, General Michel Aoun, indicated yesterday he would seek to deploy soldiers in Southern Lebanon if they prove capable of maintaining peace in Beirut.

Israeli troops have occupied the South since their June 1982 invasion of Lebanon, and Israel has refused to withdraw until Lebanon can guarantee the safety of its northern borders.

"The South, which suffers along with its people, will find security and will recover sovereignty and freedom if you are determined this should occur and if you are qualified for this role there," he added.

Two soldiers hurt in Bekaa firing

Post Defence Reporter

Two Israeli soldiers were wounded in the Kfar Kook area in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley yesterday afternoon, the IDF spokesman announced in Tel Aviv yesterday.

The terse announcement issued some eight hours after the event, said the two had been wounded by light arms fire directed from the Syrian-held area at IDF position in eastern sector.

The troops fired back at "the

sources of the fire," and according to the announcement, the area has been quiet since the afternoon.

There were three other separate hostile incidents yesterday in South Lebanon, but there were no casualties.

Yesterday morning light-arms fire was directed at an SLA position near Nabatiya. Fire was returned and a search turned up fragments of a 107mm Katyusha shell.

Light-arms fire was also directed at an IDF roadblock east of Tyre and at midday yesterday a grenade was thrown at an IDF patrol in Nabatiya.

Politicians sceptical on Herzog unity move

By JUDY SIEGEL
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Labour Alignment leader Shimon Peres will meet today to discuss a national unity government in response to strong pressure on them from President Chaim Herzog.

Their meeting, at noon in Jerusalem, has engendered cynicism in political circles. Politicians in both major parties say privately that their leaders are merely "going through the motions," in order to placate the president and public opinion, and that in fact there is little chance of their agreeing on a unity government.

And indeed, while the unity talks go forward, neither of the major parties have let up in their efforts to woo the various little parties into a narrow-based coalition.

But some observers warn against too much cynicism. They note that the post-election political arithmetic is still deadlocked: that the president's push for unity could develop a momentum of its own — especially if it is backed by powerful public support; and that there is a precedent for a unity government after an election: in 1969.

The two rival party leaders, Shamir and Peres, were plainly impressed yesterday by the urgency and sincerity of President Herzog's determination to try and promote a unity government.

Emerging from their (separate) "informal consultations" with the president, both men reported Herzog's strong feelings on this matter — and appended their own wholehearted agreement with his sentiments.

Each said that Herzog had steered this "informal" conversation away from the key issue of who is to head the proposed unity government, though each of them had recommended himself as the likeliest candidate to set one up.

The president will begin his formal, statutory consultations with the Knesset factions today, and he is expected to announce his nomination of a prime minister-designate by the end of the week. The nominee then has up to 42 days to form a coalition. If he fails, another candidate is nominated.

Both Labour and Likud attach enormous importance to Herzog's first choice — no matter whether the government that is eventually established is broad- or narrow-based.

The Alignment, as the largest faction in the 11th Knesset, was the first to be represented yesterday. Peres was accompanied to Beit Hanassi by a former resident, Yitzhak Navon, and by MKs Yitzhak Rabin, Haim Bar-Lev and Victor Shemtov.

The Alignment leaders met privately with Herzog for a little over an hour, as dozens of reporters and cameramen from Israel and abroad waited outside on the lawn. Peres, who had before the elections dismissed the possibility of a broad coalition, told reporters later that he sensed "the whole nation" wants a national unity government that

would have "broad shoulders" to cope with the serious problems facing the country.

Peres made it clear that by a unity government he envisaged a Labour-led coalition embracing Likud and perhaps other parties. Asked if he would consider serving under Shamir, he noted pointedly that there were certain "rules of the game" and "a new political map... There have been election results, and all the parties must accept them unreservedly." Labour, he said, had emerged with more mandates than Likud.

He seemed annoyed at questions about the possibility of Herzog nominating a third candidate to try and set up a unity government.

Peres said he asked the president to call on him to try to establish a broad coalition.

He added that the Alignment "was not responsible" for the failure of Shamir to establish a unity government before the election.

Navon, who as the fifth president

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Prime Minister Shamir (left) and Alignment leader Shimon Peres meet with reporters yesterday outside Beit Hanassi after consulting with President Herzog. (Rahamim Israeli; Isaac Harari)

Parties still seeking narrow coalition

LIKUD
By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Likud leaders yesterday publicly stressed the importance of a national unity government but privately there seemed to be a measure of scepticism as to its prospects.

The talks with the Alignment are to begin at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem at noon today and sources said they expected the Likud team to include Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and Health Minister Eliezer Shostak. Thus all the Likud factions will be represented.

In an obvious attempt to drive home the notion that the Likud really wants a national unity government, the prime minister's spokesman yesterday quoted Shamir as saying he saw the initiative to form such a government as a "very serious move." It was the Likud which proposed such a government even before the elections, he noted.

But Likud ministers last night de-

Alignment
By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Senior Labour Party circles said last night that unless the Likud was prepared to substantially alter the positions it took in the unity talks of 1983, it was hard to see how unity talks today could succeed.

The sources spoke on the eve of Labour leader Shimon Peres' meeting today with Prime Minister Shamir in Jerusalem.

The 1983 Shamir-Peres talks, following Shamir's nomination as prime minister-designate, collapsed principally over the West Bank settlements issue.

Joining Peres in the Alignment team to meet Shamir today will be MKs Yitzhak Rabin, Moshe Shahal, Haim Bar-Lev and former president Yitzhak Navon. Before the meeting with Shamir, an Alignment team will meet with President Herzog at the start of the president's formal consultations. The team, composed of Bar-Lev, Shahal, MKs Uzi Baram

AGUDA
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

"Nonsense," was Agudat Yisrael leader Abraham Shapira's reaction last night of the Labour-Likud unity talks. "I don't understand how serious people can get involved in such a charade," Shapira told Labour and Yahad leaders at a three-hour tripartite meeting in Tel Aviv.

The other participants were far less sceptical. Yahad leader Ezer Weizman spoke enthusiastically of the chances of a unity government. And Labour's Shimon Peres pointed to the political arithmetic and to the popular will as two factors in favour of a unity government.

"We at any rate are going into this in all good faith and seriousness," Peres said.

Shapira noted that if nevertheless there were a narrow-based government in the end, Aguda's attitude would to a large extent depend on that of Yahad since Yahad was

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Shas may join coalition without cabinet seats

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
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Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, number one on the Shas Knesset list, said yesterday that it is quite possible that Shas will join a coalition government without accepting any cabinet portfolios.

He said this in an interview with

The Jerusalem Post, scheduled to appear on Friday, when he was asked to explain Shas' willingness to join the government in contrast to Agudat Yisrael's policy of not allowing its Knesset members to accept cabinet posts.

The question is still under discussion he said, among Shas' Council of

Sages (Mozet Hachamei Hatora), which is headed by former chief rabbi Ovadia Yosef.

Peretz denied that Yosef on Sunday had countermanded Peretz's announcement to Yitzhak Shamir that Shas would support a Likud government at a meeting between

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The Editors

IDF closes Tyre Port after attacks

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
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METULLA. — The Israel Defence Forces yesterday closed the port of Tyre, following a series of attacks on IDF and South Lebanese Army positions. The port is to remain closed until new security measures are put into effect.

Fishing boats and other small vessels will not be allowed to enter or to

leave the harbour, but larger ships may be allowed to dock by special permit.

Military sources in South Lebanon yesterday attributed the recent increase in hostile activity to a return to action by former detainees released last November from the Ansar camp. These former prisoners, it was said, have not found work, which has made them liable to return to terrorist activity.

New Zealand baby sent out with laundry

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (Reuter). — A new-born baby was thrown out with dirty linen at a Christchurch hospital, a senior health official said yesterday.

Nurses searching frantically for the child found it alive and unharmed in a linen bag.

"It was a terribly unfortunate accident — a freak happening," said hospital board chief executive Ron Parker.

He said investigations showed the child was wrapped in a blanket after delivery and placed on a table. Another nurse put soiled linen on the table, obscuring the infant.

The linen — and the baby — were then dumped into a bag. A few minutes later the nurses realized what had happened and found the baby among the dirty washing.

Police closely monitor Kahane's activities

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Criminal Investigations Chief Yehzekel Carthy is getting every police report that mentions Meir Kahane or his supporters in the Kach movement, The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday.

Police sources said after a three-hour meeting with Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir that the police will "take every action necessary" to prevent — or punish — illegal activity by Kahane supporters.

"If Kahane wants to go to Umm al Fahm," said a high-ranking source, "we may not be able to stop him, but I can assure you we'll be able to stop his supporters. And he's too much of a coward to walk into Umm al Fahm alone."

Another high-ranking source confirmed that the police intelligence network is getting constant reports on Kahane's activities as part of the overall police and security forces effort to prevent the newly elected MK from undertaking some of the anti-Arab and anti-leftist actions he proposed during the campaign.

That source acknowledged that the police and

security forces will be treading a "thin line" with regard to the "limits of democracy" under which they must work.

"But it's clear to us and it's been made clear to us that we must use every means at our disposal," said the source.

According to a statement issued by Zamir's office after the meeting at the Justice Ministry, the police and the attorney general "will judge each case on its merits," with regard to the activities of Kahane and his supporters.

Zamir, who was accompanied by state attorney Yona Blatman, said that "the statements made recently by the head of the Kach movement contradict the basic values on which the legal system in Israel is based."

Zamir reportedly emphasized to the police delegation, headed by Carthy and including legal adviser Hanna Hirsh, that "Kahane's election as an MK does not give his supporters carte blanche."

What is still not clear from more than a week of high-level deliberations concerning Kahane — who has promised "to drive the country crazy" — is what steps the police will be able to take against

the new MK personally. Kahane's Knesset immunity prevents the police from arresting him, but police sources in the past have explained to The Post that "reasonable force" can be used — even against an MK — in order to keep the law from being broken.

Carthy meanwhile is getting up-to-the-minute reports on any criminal case in which Kahane's name is mentioned either directly or indirectly. So far, on the top of the list of reports in addition to a report on last week's Old City "victory march," is an assault case in which two Beduin from the Netivot area were allegedly beaten up by thugs who, according to the Beduin, called themselves Kahane supporters. The police are investigating but no arrests have been made yet, because the attackers have not been identified.

The Education Ministry has forbidden any activity in the schools which includes incitement, calls for violence or the preaching of hatred and discrimination.

The move came yesterday after a call by Histadrut Teacher's Union head Yitzhak Weiber for the education minister to prevent Kach's Meir Kahane from appearing in schools.

The weather at major Swissair destinations

	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
AMSTERDAM	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27	21-28	22-29	23-30
BIRMINGHAM	15-22	16-23	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27	21-28
BRUSSELS	16-23	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27	21-28	22-29
CHICAGO	14-21	15-22	16-23	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27
COPENHAGEN	16-23	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27	21-28	22-29
FRANKFURT	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27	21-28	22-29	23-30
GENEVA	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27	21-28	22-29	23-30
HONG KONG	25-32	26-33	27-34	28-35	29-36	30-37	31-38
JERUSALEM	25-32	26-33	27-34	28-35	29-36	30-37	31-38
LONDON	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27	21-28	22-29	23-30
MADRID	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27	21-28	22-29	23-30
MONTREAL	14-21	15-22	16-23	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27
NEW YORK	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27	21-28	22-29	23-30
OSLO	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27	21-28	22-29	23-30
PARIS	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27	21-28	22-29	23-30
ROME	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27	21-28	22-29	23-30
SAN FRANCISCO	14-21	15-22	16-23	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27
STOCKHOLM	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27	21-28	22-29	23-30
TOKYO	25-32	26-33	27-34	28-35	29-36	30-37	31-38
TORONTO	14-21	15-22	16-23	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27
VIENNA	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27	21-28	22-29	23-30
ZURICH	17-24	18-25	19-26	20-27	21-28	22-29	23-30

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with temperatures remaining lower than the seasonal norm.

	Yesterday's	Today's	Max	Min
Jerusalem	25	26	26	16
Golan	25	26	26	16
Naburiya	25	26	26	16
Safed	25	26	26	16
Haifa Port	25	26	26	16
Tiberias	25	26	26	16
Nazareth	25	26	26	16
Afula	25	26	26	16
Shomron	25	26	26	16
Tel Aviv	25	26	26	16
B-G Airport	25	26	26	16
Jericho	25	26	26	16
Gaza	25	26	26	16
Beersheba	25	26	26	16
Eilat	25	26	26	16

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Moshe Prasnitz, of the Education Ministry's Antiquities department, will speak on "Israel's Archeology in 1984" at 1 p.m. today during the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at the YMCA.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting in the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

One dead, two seriously hurt on roads

A truck driver from Bat Yam was run over and killed yesterday on the road between Rishon LeZion and the sea shore, after his own vehicle had been involved in an accident.

In the first accident, in which no one was hurt, a truck and an army vehicle collided, causing fuel to be spilled on the road. The truck driver was helping to cover the oily patches with sand when a semi-trailer appeared and ran him over. He was killed on the spot.

In Hod Hasharon an old woman was seriously injured by a police car while she was shopping in Rehov Hanin. She was taken to Kfar Saba's Meir Hospital.

A 14-year-old cyclist was knocked off his bicycle in Kfar Kassem by a car. He was seriously injured and taken to Petah Tikva's Sharon Hospital.

In Netanya a man suspected of drunken driving was involved in a head-on collision, in which nobody was hurt. The police said that the man admitted to having "drunk a bit." A blood sample was taken for analysis. (Itim)

Anshel Reiss, at 98

Kfar Sava (Itim). - Anshel Reiss, veteran Zionist leader and president of the World Federation of Polish Jews, died at his home here yesterday at the age of 98. He will be buried tomorrow at the Kfar Sava cemetery.

One of the first members of Poalei Zion and a leader of the Polish Jewish community since before World War II, Reiss maintained contact with the Warsaw Ghetto Jewish underground throughout the war from London, where he was sent by the World Jewish Congress.

Reiss immigrated to this country in 1926 and worked in settlement activity. He was first elected to the Zionist Executive in 1929 and was one of the founders of the World Jewish Congress. Active in Jewish affairs until his death, he participated last week in the Jerusalem conference of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. He is survived by a son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Today - Civil Defense Exercise in the Tzrifin Area

Tomorrow, August 2, 1984, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., there will be a Civil Defense exercise in the Tzrifin Area, Asaf Harofeh and the vicinity. During the course of the exercise, there will be simulated firing and explosions and the all clear will be sounded. In case of an actual alert, sirens will be sounded on an ascending/descending scale.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

New regulations take effect

Charter firms have to fly out of Atarot

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Israel Airports Authority yesterday warned the representative of a Dutch charter airline that he may lose his licence to operate here unless he provides staff to handle passengers due to leave Jerusalem's Atarot airport early this morning. Later a representative of the Dutch airline said agreement had been reached not to provide the staff, but the airports authority could not be reached for comment.

The flight was leaving from Jerusalem in a move designed to obviate new restrictions on charter flights from Ben Gurion airport.

The regulations concerning charter flights were first announced in 1982 but were never implemented because of a High Court of Justice temporary injunction issued at the request of the Maof and Arkia companies. However the regulations went into effect at midnight last night after the two companies lost their appeals.

Under the regulations, a charter company may not carry Israelis and foreigners on the same plane, if it flies between Ben-Gurion Airport and a city within 150 kilometres of an airport served by a scheduled carrier. If tickets are sold 28 days in advance, or if passengers pay an extra \$100 for ground services, this rule may be waived.

If they fly out of Atarot, the charter operators could claim that their flights originated in Jerusalem. The Atarot scheme is designed to help 16 charter airlines operating here, the Transport Ministry said yesterday.

Galilee Tours was the first company to feel the results of the new regulations. Last night company officials phoned some 30 Israeli passengers living in the Tel Aviv area, and told them to leave home at 2 a.m. to go to Atarot. Three small planes were to fly them from Atarot to Ben-Gurion Airport, where they would be transferred to the Dutch Martin Air DC-9-82 which would fly them to Amsterdam.

But Airports Authority Director-General Zvi Gov-Ari insisted that Martin Air do the ticketing and

baggage handling for those passengers at Atarot.

Martin Air's representative here, Menahem Laufer, insisted he would not comply. Martin Air does not want to operate out of Jerusalem airport which was occupied in the 1967 war. Laufer said his company could not be forced to operate out of Atarot. Martin Air would rather leave Israel entirely, he said.

Gov-Ari countered that once the High Court of Justice made its decision, the new regulation had to be implemented.

"Laufer is supporting a Dutch company against his own country. I will do everything possible to withdraw his licence to operate out of Ben-Gurion," Gov-Ari told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Michael Zwebner, manager of the British charter company Ibesco, told a Tel Aviv news conference that his company was "not prepared to mess around with our clients by busing them to Jerusalem to pick up planes to Ben-Gurion."

He said the British government would forbid flights out of Atarot. He warned that his company may have to decide not to operate services to Israel, until it could reorganize to cope with the new regulations. This would take some six to eight weeks.

As of last night it seemed as if the Israeli charter airlines - Arkia and Maof - were coping with the new situation.

A Maof spokesman said his company could arrange separate flights for Israelis and foreigners in most cases.

Arkia offered passengers willing to fly out of Atarot a free ride to the airport and the right to buy \$25 worth of duty-free goods on the plane. Two of its flights are scheduled to leave Jerusalem today. There will be one local flight number for the short trip to Ben-Gurion and another for the flight abroad, so that it could claim abroad that the flight did not originate in Jerusalem.

Meanwhile the scheduled carriers welcomed the development, maintaining the restrictions will force the charter operators to increase their efforts to fill planes with tourists from abroad.

Farrakhan: Israel to cause fall of West

WASHINGTON (AP). - The Reverend Louis Farrakhan, a black minister from Chicago, Monday continued his attacks on Jews and Israel saying that Israel "will prove to be the destruction of the power of the western world."

Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, also said Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale has already sent a signal that he "does not intend to honour his debt to black people who helped him get the nomination."

Farrakhan, supporter of the Reverend Jesse Jackson, one-time Democratic presidential hopeful, said that the black civil rights leader still is waiting for a sign that would increase his enthusiasm and the enthusiasm of all black people to work for Mondale's election.

Farrakhan made his remarks in an address to the National Press Club. He cited newspaper reports about a meeting of "powerful Jewish leaders" and added that according to The

Boston Globe newspaper "a threat was sent to Democratic leaders and Mr. Mondale and Mr. (Gary) Hart that if they caved in to Jackson's demands, particularly where Middle Eastern policy was concerned, the Jews would leave the Democratic Party en masse, take their money and join Reagan and the Republicans."

Farrakhan said that when he criticized this, it was termed an attempt on his part to condemn Judaism as a religion.

"There seems to be an unwritten law," he said, "that Israel and Jews cannot be criticized, especially by blacks."

Later he said, "we can prove that the Israel which is the creation of the Zionists with the help of England and America is not the fulfillment of divine prophecy."

Before too many days pass," he said, "it will prove to be the destruction of the western world."

Senators urge Soviets to let Jews go

Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. - The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday called upon the Soviet Union to permit the emigration of Soviet Jews in accordance with the Helsinki human rights accords.

The panel, in a unanimous vote, approved a resolution which charged that the Soviet Union "has grossly violated that agreement by refusing emigration of Soviet Jews and by harassing, intimidating and

punishing those Soviet Jews who apply for exit visas."

A similar resolution was passed in the House of Representatives late last year.

Both "sense of the Congress" resolutions advise the Soviet Union that the easing of restrictions against Soviet Jews would be seen as a goodwill signal that the Soviets are prepared to embark on negotiations with the U.S. in other areas as well.

Embassy protest vigil for Soviet refuseniks

TEL AVIV (Itim). - The Israeli family of Soviet emigration activist Alexander Yakir is today mounting a protest vigil outside the Finnish Embassy here, which represents Russian interests in Israel.

Yakir is to stand trial in Moscow tomorrow on a charge of refusing national service in the Soviet Union. Public figures and members of Na'amat and Wizo will join the protest vigil.

Observers noted that Soviet

SHAS MAY JOIN

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Yosef and Yitzhak Navon later in the day. "At my meeting with Shamir, I made it clear that everything still depended on the course of our negotiations," Peretz said.

Peretz and another Shas MK, Rabbi Ya'acov Yosef, (the son of Ovadia Yosef) yesterday called on Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu to assure him that Shas had no intention of attacking his position.

The visit came in the wake of press reports that Shas sought a pledge from the big two parties to reinstate Ovadia Yosef as chief rabbi.

Yosef unwillingly relinquished the post last year in accordance with new legislation barring chief rabbis from running for re-election after their 10-year term is up.

A Shas communiqué reporting the meeting with Eliahu said it had been arranged "in the wake of reports that Eliahu worked against Shas before the elections."

The Shas communiqué said the movement plans a thanksgiving celebration on the 15th of Av (in a fortnight) which Yosef and possibly Rabbi Eleizer Shach of Brak would attend.

COMMENT/David Landau

Shamir motivated by patriotism and politics

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's pointed refusal yesterday to rule out a unity government under Labour's Shimon Peres may well have been one of the most subtle applications of psychology since King Solomon and the two contending mothers.

Shamir deftly suggested to President Chaim Herzog that he invoke the Solomonic criterion of "Who cares the most?" when he adjudicates between the two party-leaders' claims to the premiership.

Shamir is in effect saying to Herzog: "You believe profoundly that a unity government is what the nation wants and needs."

"I believe that too."

"But Shimon Peres says he also believes that too."

"Now you have to decide which of us believes it more, or more earnestly - and to nominate that person to form such a government and lead it."

"I can prove that I believe it more - because I am prepared to forgo the premiership for the sake of unity, while Peres is not (see his statements outside your residence). Therefore I should be the premier - like the mother who was prepared to forgo her motherhood for the sake of the 'unity' of her child."

If this indeed is Shamir's rationale, then he is to be commended for his sophistication, and Herzog is well advised to reject it.

Possibly, though, this reading does Shamir an injustice. There are at least two other explanations for his move:

• He has taken a hard look at party and coalition arithmetic, and has concluded that without Ezer Weizman the Likud cannot set up a government. He believes, moreover, that Weizman is unlikely to change his mind and go with Likud.

He fears, therefore, that the religious parties, realizing there can be no government under the Likud, and desiring above all to be in government, will shift their allegiance to Labour, thereby enabling it to set up a narrow-based government.

This, in time, might attract renegades from the Likud-Liberals.

This scenario, furthermore, would almost certainly produce a challenge to Shamir's leadership of Likud, for it would mean that Shamir had lost the election.

From a national, party-political, and personal perspective, Shamir therefore believes it better to

enter a unity government, set up for a specified time.

• Yitzhak Shamir genuinely, passionately believes that the present political system is threatening Israel's democracy by throttling any government's ability to govern. He himself suffered 10 terrible months as premier of a knife-edge coalition.

He believes that Labour and Likud must together, urgently, attack this problem and push through the necessary legislation. If either is in government dependent on a cluster of little parties, that will be impossible.

As a true patriot, therefore, he is prepared to forgo the premiership so as to bring about the vitally-needed reform.

People who have met with Shamir in recent months attest to his profound, almost obsessive preoccupation with the weakness of the political system and its stifling effect on government.

Perhaps the likeliest explanation of Shamir's move is a combination of all these motives. The self-sacrificing, and the self-seeking. The noble, the canny, and the base. After all, like the rest of us, he's only human.



About 50 students demonstrated against Kach leader Meir Kahane and racism yesterday at the entrance to Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. The sign at the extreme right says: "The drugging of cockroaches spawns Kahaneism," referring to the statement by former chief-of-staff Rafael Eitan that West Bank Arabs would be like "drugged cockroaches in a bottle" if there were more settlements. (Rahamim Israeli)

BACH ON CAMPAIGN

(Continued from Page One) the voting process, more "flexibility" in choice of content for television and radio election advertising and a reduction in the 30-day period preceding election day during which a candidate's face may not be shown on television even in non-campaign-related appearances.

Committee member Yehuda Hachai, the Alignment's representative, denounced the large number of "wasted" votes in Israeli elections - those that go to parties which fail to cross the 1-per-cent vote threshold to qualify for a Knesset seat.

However, added Hachai, this was one of the features of a vote in a democratic society. He noted that while there were 26 lists running in last month's election, 15 made it to the Knesset while only nine lists qualified in the 1981 election, out of the 31 lists that ran that year. Hachai hinted that he favours raising the required threshold percentage.

Following are highlights of the vote on July 23:

Of 2,654,613 eligible voters, a total of 2,091,402 Israelis actually voted. Out of these, 18,081 voters had their ballots disqualified, either on technical grounds or because

their envelopes were deposited empty.

Since valid votes totalled 2,073,321, the 1-per-cent vote "threshold" each list required was set at 20,733. Eleven lists failed to cross this threshold. Of these, the biggest vote getter was the Lova Elitav List, with 15,348 votes; and the weakest, "The People" list, led by perennial candidate Victor Tayar, which garnered 733 votes. Altogether, the 11 unsuccessful lists won a total of 58,978 votes which were discarded.

With the 15 qualifying lists having together won a total of 2,014,343 valid votes, the basic number of votes required for each Knesset seat was set at 16,786 (the number of the successful parties' votes divided by 120, the number of seats in the Knesset).

This procedure accounted for allocation of 112 seats, and the remaining eight mandates were distributed according to the Bader-Of formula, governing distribution of surplus votes. Under this system, the Alignment and its allies could have won one or two more seats with the votes that went to Elitav.

LIKUD

(Continued from Page One) Meanwhile, the Likud is planning to send Knesset Members Ronnie Milo, Moshe Katrav, Ehud Olmert and Pinhas Goldstein to represent their faction today at the start of the formal talks with President Herzog.

The team has not yet met, but members said they would urge Herzog to confer the task of forming a new cabinet on Shamir. They would argue, they said, that to date there were more MKs willing to join a Likud-led coalition than an Alignment-led one.

Another Likud source believed that as long as the Alignment felt it had a chance of forming an alternative coalition, without the Likud, the talks would be just polite conversation.

APPOINTMENT. - Prof. Yehuda Danon, head of the pediatric unit at Beilinson Hospital, has been appointed director of the hospital.

We are shocked and pained at the sudden death of our haveva

HANNA (Helen) GASKIN

The funeral took place yesterday, Tuesday, July 31, 1984 at Ma'aleh Hahamisha.

Gaskin Family
Beit Ma'aleh Hahamisha

To Stanley and Marion Zinn and family

our heartfelt condolences on the tragic death of your daughter

SHELLY

Nora and Hymie
Jonathan, Linda and Family

To Stanley and Marion Zinn and family

our deepest sympathies on the tragic death of your daughter

SHELLY

Aubrey and Tirtza Levin

ALIGNMENT

(Continued from Page One) and Edna Solodar, Mapam's Hanan Erez and Yitzhak Artzi of the Independent Liberals, will present the same position as that stated yesterday: that Shimon Peres, as leader of the largest faction in the Knesset, should be entrusted with the mandate to form the next government.

Mapam secretary-general Victor Shemtov yesterday told Herzog that he does not believe that a viable government can be established with the participation of the Likud. Nevertheless, he stressed that Peres had Mapam's mandate to negotiate with all parties, including the Likud.

Peres told newsmen yesterday that today's meeting with Shamir would be "a preliminary discussion." He added that he did not expect the two sides to get down to hard bargaining until the president had decided whom to ask to form the next government.

Labour Party leaders held a series of meetings yesterday to discuss the national unity government option and to decide on their approach in tomorrow's meeting with Shamir. One of the meetings was attended by Shemtov of Mapam, which is not participating in the negotiations. Citizens Rights Movement leader Shulamit Aloni and Shinui chairman Amnon Rubenstein.

Peres reported on the meeting with Herzog, as well as on the contacts with potential coalition partners. Rubinstein gave his support to the unity initiative, while Aloni effectively abstained.

Sources close to Aloni said last night that she regards the national unity initiative as a "white wash" by both the Likud and the Alignment - as well as by the press. She also believes that the current coalition negotiations process, in which the smaller parties extract promises from the major party, is a "serious threat to the Knesset and Israeli democracy."

One of the non-Labour participants at yesterday's meeting said that he did not think the Labour Party leaders were "serious" in wanting a national unity coalition. This was denied by a senior Labour official, who said that Labour regards a unity government as a solution to many of the country's problems - if it is established on the "right terms." However, he expressed doubt that the right terms could be agreed on.

Labour Secretary-General Haim Bar-Lev said yesterday that he believes that satisfactory formulae could be found to the differences between the Likud and the Alignment on defence and security issues. Rabin suggested the so-called "Golda formula," which provides for a plebiscite before any decision is made on the future of the administered territories.

Yesterday's meetings with the president and the decision to hold a Likud-Alignment summit pushed

the coalition negotiations with the smaller parties into the background. Nevertheless, in telephone conversations with their prospective coalition partners, Labour leaders gave assurances that the talks with the Likud will not harm the interests of the smaller parties.

Peres and Yahad leader Ezer Weizman were due to meet last night with Agudat Yisrael MKs Avraham Shapira and Menahem Porush in an attempt to gain their agreement to ask Herzog to give the mandate to Peres. Failing that, Labour sources said, Peres and Weizman would ask the Aguda MKs to take the NRP line and not specify a preference.

There is little doubt in the Labour Party that Weizman will state his preference for the Alignment in his meeting with the president. They expect the same line will be taken by Ometz leader Yigael Hurwitz and Tami leader Aharon Abuhazzeira.

The Shinui and CRM delegations will meet with the president on Thursday. Shinui will express its preference for the Alignment and will tell Herzog that Shinui is not opposed to a national unity government. Aloni will simply ask that Peres be given the mandate.

AGUDA

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Workers react to gov't wage threat

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Recent threats by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad to unilaterally change existing wage agreements have caused unrest throughout the labour sector. The governing bodies of several unions will meet during the coming week to decide on their reaction to the threats.

Among those meeting next week will be the Civil Servants Union, one of the country's largest public sector unions. At a meeting of the union's secretariat yesterday, calls for immediate radical action, including work stoppages, were heard. The secretariat decided to defer its decision and to coordinate any action

with the Histadrut's trade union department. The central committee of the Building Workers Union also met yesterday and decided to "use all available organizational means" to oppose threats from the Treasury. Histadrut trade union department chairman Haim Haberfeld yesterday called on all unions and work committees to meet and decide on a common response to the threats. Addressing the department's coordinating committee, Haberfeld said that the agreements were signed for two years, not two weeks, and are legally binding on both sides. The agreements were signed after lengthy negotiations and were ar-

rived at "out of mutual agreement, not through force," Haberfeld said. He attacked the "get the wages" approach of the Treasury, saying that he got the impression that the Treasury believes that if wages are cut, all the country's economic problems will be solved.

Meanwhile, MK Gad Ya'acobi, head of the Alignment's economic team, said yesterday that the present interim government has neither a public nor a parliamentary mandate to introduce a new economic plan.

"A government that did not win the support of the public cannot impose a long-term plan on the public, and all talk to that effect is ridiculous," Ya'acobi said.

Zamir: 'Dayanim' must shun politics

Jerusalem Post Staff
Religious court judges *dayanim*, are barred by law from taking an active part in the leadership of political parties or political negotiations. Attorney-Yitzhak Zamir informed Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg yesterday.

Zamir gave the directive to Burg in a letter which, although it did not mention Rabbi Ovadia Yosef by name, was assumed to refer to the active role which the former Sephardi chief rabbi is playing in the Shas party. Rabbi Yosef is also currently a *dayan*.

Zamir reminded Burg that the State Service Law, 1959, bans party activity by senior civil servants. This ban has customarily been understood to apply with special severity to judges, including those in religious courts, Zamir wrote.

Zamir said that he trusted that Burg would see to it that *dayanim* under his jurisdiction would abide by the law.



This car, belonging to Country Club owner Munye Shapira, was heavily damaged early yesterday in an explosion near Shapira's Kymat Hasharon home. The Tel Aviv police district's Central Unit, which was called in to investigate, has already made a number of arrests in connection with the incident. A few months ago, police neutralized an explosive device they found in Shapira's car. (Israel Sun)

Members of the Eleventh Knesset

The following are the parties' representatives in the 11th Knesset:

ALIGNMENT:

Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Navon, Yitzhak Rabin, Haim Bar-Lev, Abba Eban, Victor Shentov, Yisrael Kessar, Gad Ya'acobi, Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino, Elazar Granot.

Mordechai Gur, Moshe Shahal, Rafael Eder, Shlomo Hillel, Ora Namir, Eliyahu Speiser, Uzi Baram, Arieh Nechamkin, Yair Tsaaban, Avraham Katz-Oz.

Ya'acov Zur, Yitzhak Peretz, Menahem Hacohen, Nava Arad, Yosef (Yossi) Sarid, Amira Sarant, Ya'acov Jacques Amir, Michael Harish, Sheva Weiss, Amitai Linn.

Adiel Amoral, David Libai, Mahmud Watad, Dov Ben-Meir, Haim Ramon, Efraim Shalom, Nahman Raz, Edna Solodart, Yitzhak Artzi, Haya Grossman.

Aharon Harel, Abd-el Wahab Darousha, Simha Dinitz, Aharon Nahmias.

LIKUD:
Yitzhak Shamir, David Levy, Yitzhak Modai, Moshe Arens, Ariel Sharon, Moshe Nissim, Yigal Cohen-Orgad, Yoram Aridor, Avraham Shari, Eliezer Shostak.

Yehuda Ben-Elissar, Moshe Katav, Pesah Grupper, David Magen.

Ronnie Milo, Gideon Patt, Meir Shifrit, Dov Shilansky, Yitzhak Zeiger, Michael Dekel.

Michael Reiser, Gideon Gadot, Ariel Weinstein, Ehud Olmert, Haim Corfu, Sara Doron, Miriam Glaser-Tass, Amal Nasser e-Din, Pinhas Goldstein, Meir Cohen-Avidov.

Haim Kaufman, Yehoshua Matza, Dan Tichon, Eli Ovadia, Dan Meridor, Uriel Linn, Uzi Landau, Michael Eitan, Bennie Shalit, Yigael Cohen, Eliezer Kulas.

TEHYA-TZOMET:
Yuryal Zeman, Rafael Eitan, Genda Cohen, Eliezer Waldman, Gershon Shafat.

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY:
Yosef Burg, Zevulun Hammer, Avner Scialoi, David Danino.

SEPHARDI TORA GUARDIANS (SHAS):
Yitzhak Peretz, Rafael Pinhasi, Ya'acov Yosef, Shimon Shlomo.

DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR PEACE AND EQUALITY (RAKAF):
Meir Wilner, Tawfik Toubi, Charlie Biton, Tawfik Ziad.

SHINUI:

Amnon Rubinstein, Mordechai Virshubski, Zaidan Atshe.

CITIZEN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT:

Shulamit Aloni, Mordechai Bar-On, Ran Cohen.

YAHAD:

Ezer Weizman, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, Shlomo Amar.

MORASHA:

Haim Druckman, Avraham Verdiger.

AGUDAT YISRAEL:

Avraham Shapira, Menahem Ponsch.

PROGRESSIVE LIST FOR PEACE:

Muhammed Miari, Matityahu Peled.

TAMI:

Aharon Abuhatzera

OMETZ:

Yigael Hurvitz

KACH:

Meir Kahane

Persons marked * are not members of the outgoing Knesset.

Tel Afek dig indicates 5,000-year-old town

By SRAJA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA. — Prof. Moshe Kochavi said yesterday that his current excavations at Tel Afek near here, indicate that the urbanization of the country began some 5,000 years ago. The Tel Aviv University archaeologist told reporters that his dig in the south-west corner of the tel, one of the biggest in Israel, found the remains of a tower dating to the early bronze period, about 3,100 BCE.

Kochavi, who directed the excavations with Prof. David Owen of Cornell University in New York State, noted that Afek later became a fortress on the Via Maris, the sea road. The earlier find indicated that there was an urban settlement there much earlier than the fortress.

Further investigation was necessary to see whether the town was Egyptian or Mesopotamian. For this reason it had been decided to extend the excavations for at least one more season.

Dozens of archaeologists and students from Tel Aviv and Cornell Universities and volunteers from France, Finland and other countries took part in this year's dig.

In this season's six-week excavation, which ended a week ago, the archaeologists uncovered a strange room, built around a huge stone. Some 100 votive plates, many of them intact, packed the space around the stone. The building belonged to the period when the Egyptians ruled the area.

This year, the National Parks Authority restored part of the old Canaanite fortress. When the work

is finished, the site will be opened to the public. The entrance will be via the gate of the Mameluke fortress built by Selim II in 1572, parts of which were restored with the assistance of a picture taken by a Jerusalem photographer over half a century ago.

Another important discovery this season was the stage of the Odeon, a

small performing forum built by Julian the apostate emperor. The entrances were later blocked by the Christians, who objected to the use of sites connected with Roman religious practices.

"Now we expect to restore the Odeon and use it for public performances," a Petah Tikva municipal spokesman said.

Scholar says 'Archeology law' will end digging

PETAH TIKVA. — Prof. Moshe Kochavi, of Tel Aviv University, and Prof. David Owen, of Cornell University, said yesterday that the archeology bill proposed by the religious parties would mean "end of archeological excavations in Israel." They were answering questions from reporters at the Afek excavation.

"Anywhere we find the work of

men, we discover remnants of bones, he it those of animals the men ate or offered to his gods, or human ossuary. There is no way to avoid it," Kochavi said. "If the continuation of our investigations must depend upon the expertise of rabbis, we had better stop digging altogether. As for me, I'll certainly break the law on this issue."

Rena Elias: The 'first Ethiopian sabra'

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHKELON. — Rena Elias will be 16 years old in October, but she has made history already: she is said to be the first *sabra* (Israeli-born) of Ethiopian descent. "I never thought about it," she says, "but someone here in the office found out and said that it's important. I still don't understand why."

Rena is as Israeli as they come: she is friendly and outgoing. She loves sports and music, and Eilat. She knows no Ethiopian language, only Hebrew. She is now perfecting her English, in her summer work as telephone operator for the Project Renewal office, funded by the British Jewish community.

"The work is interesting, because I get to meet people and groups of donors and friends from Britain," she says. She is especially pleased with the young volunteer counselors at the municipal summer camps, with whom she practices her English.

Rena wants to study psychology after the army, so she was pleased to meet a young Englishman who has studied psychology in England and is now thinking of further studies in Israel.

"I like meeting new people and learning new things, broadening my horizons," Rena explains. Another dream is to travel. To England, of course, and to Italy. Why Italy?



Rena Elias, said to be the country's first *sabra* of Ethiopian descent, at work in the JIA Project Renewal office in Ashkelon. (Daniel Blatt)

Because she is fascinated by the Roman ruins, remnants of old hidden glory.

Rena goes to high school in her native Ashkelon. Her favourite subjects are chemistry, biology and mathematics. Her 13-year-old brother goes to a school for gifted children in Jerusalem, while her

nine-year-old brother goes to school near home.

Israel only recently resolved its attitude to the Jewishness of Ethiopia's Jews. In 1973, then-chief Sephardi rabbi Ovadia Yosef ruled that Ethiopian Jews were Jews (although subject to symbolic conversion).

More and more male Ethiopian immigrants are now objecting to the symbolic conversions. In 1975 the Law of Return applied to Ethiopian Jews and immigration increased. Today, an estimated quarter of Ethiopian Jews have already in Israel.

Rena's father, Yitzhak Elias, was a solitary pioneer when he arrived in Israel 20 years ago. Considered an alien, he could not convince the authorities that he was Jewish. After a brief struggle, he returned to Ethiopia, where he married. In 1967, the couple came to Ashkelon. A year later, Rena was born in the city's Barzilai Hospital.

For many years, the Elias family was alone. Today, after four years of immigration, there are many Ethiopian Jews in Ashkelon and all over the country. Yitzhak still has family in Ethiopia and, like other Ethiopian immigrants, he hopes to be reunited with his entire family in Israel soon.

To make sure that the more recent immigrants from Ethiopia don't have to face the trials he faced, Elias now works for the absorption of

Ethiopian Jews here. In June, he took a special course at Beth Hatefutsoth, so that he could guide groups of Ethiopian Jews around the museum in their own language. Elias has also formed an Ethiopian choir to preserve the songs and culture of Ethiopian Jewry. Rena's mother, Assi, works in an Ashkelon vegetarian diet centre.

Rena hopes to continue working during the summer with Project Renewal until her army service.

"Now I can see first-hand how strongly our Jewish friends in Britain really care about the Ashkelon community and our future," she says. "My summer job gives me the opportunity to be involved behind the scenes."

Ashkelon's Project Renewal covers two-thirds of the city's 60,000 inhabitants in six neighbourhoods, one of which has been Rena's home since she was born. The Ashkelon project is unique in that the British community has its own office on the spot, with an immediate link to all its partners: the municipality, ministries, the Jewish Agency and neighbourhood committees.

Rena says she has never encountered any problems arising from her Ethiopian descent. In fact, she believes that the new generation of Ethiopian *sabras* will be as smoothly and completely integrated as she has been.

Big crowd at registration for U.S. presidential poll

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

American citizens living or staying in Israel are apparently excited about the prospect of voting for either Ronald Reagan or Walter Mondale in the November 6 presidential elections. Over 700 people turned up at the Jerusalem Hilton yesterday to register for an overseas ballot, and many more had to be turned away for lack of forms.

The crowd of people who began arriving at 11 a.m. and continued to come until after the scheduled closing at 6 p.m., learned of the registration solely from a five-line story in Sunday's *Jerusalem Post*. The event was organized by the Republicans Abroad Committee in Israel, but all voters — Democratic and Republican

— were invited to register. A U.S. consul was on hand to help.

The organizers had expected only a handful of people, and were overwhelmed by the turnout. A taxi was sent specially to the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv to obtain more forms, but even these ran out after a few hours. Some of the would-be voters were angry and disappointed.

Those who did not receive the forms were told to go to the U.S. Consulate in East Jerusalem at the end of this week (call first to make sure that there are enough forms) and bring their passport. The forms must be filled out as quickly as possible, since it takes some three months for the registration procedure to be completed.

Papua education minister on study tour

Jerusalem Post Staff

The education minister of Papua-New Guinea, Sir Barry Holloway, arrived this week with a six-person delegation for a visit hosted by the Ministry of Education and Culture. The ministry announced. Included in the delegation of senior officials is a former chief of staff.

Holloway said upon his arrival that his country is especially interested in adult and vocational education, as well as social and community problems. He met on Monday for a discussion of these issues with ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli.

During their five-day visit, Holloway and his party are to visit universities and other institutes of higher learning.

The visitors said there is much good feeling for Israel in Papua-New

Guinea, largely stemming from the Bible. They also said their countrymen also greatly value Israel's development efforts in settlement and agriculture, as well as the prowess of the Israel Defence Forces. The director-general of the Defence Ministry recently visited Papua-New Guinea.

The two countries do not maintain resident ambassadors. Israel's ambassador to Australia is accredited to Papua and Papua's ambassador to the UK is accredited to Israel.

Gaza bomb fails to go off

GAZA (Itim). — A bomb thrown at an army patrol here yesterday failed to explode. Security forces closed the area of the attempted attack and arrested several suspects.

Tirat Carmel dump relocation may take time, says official

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Tirat Carmel garbage dump — scene of a gas mask demonstration by local residents on Sunday — is unlikely to be closed in the near future despite the protests against its continued use. The *Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

The Interior Ministry's district representative, Moshe Glassner, said the only permanent solution lay in finding a suitable replacement site away from residential quarters.

The chosen site would have to meet stringent safety and health criteria before it could be approved by the various government and local authorities. He intimated that these bureaucratic procedures would take time.

Glassner said several alternative sites had been proposed and the most suitable appeared to be on open land in the Hof Hacarmel area near the Haifa-Tel Aviv coastal highway.

They are now investigating the site to ensure there is no danger of

poisonous wastes seeping into ground water and to ascertain other factors, including an adequate supply of soil to cover the rubbish, before recommending it for use as a dump, he said.

Meanwhile officials from Glassner's department are holding talks with the Tirat Carmel local council and the Jewish National Fund to find ways of alleviating the nuisance from the existing dump.

The residents, who want the tip filled in, say fumes emitted as a result of the constant burning of industrial wastes cause kidney, respiratory and skin ailments.

Glassner agreed that the tip is not officially recognized and therefore is not subject to supervision or control by either the Interior or the Health ministries.

Nevertheless the local council had allowed the site to be used as a dump for many years and if it was closed suddenly, before an alternative was opened, local factories would have nowhere to dispose of their wastes, he said.

Injunction against Burg over 'council stuffing'

The High Court of Justice yesterday issued an order *nisi* against Minister of Religious Affairs Yosef Burg, requiring him to show cause within 30 days why he should not alter the structure of the Beit Shemesh Religious Council to include at least four new members chosen by the Labour Party.

The Labour Party had sought the injunction, arguing that Burg had refused to "alien and invalid considerations" to include two of its members in the council and had instead appointed six new members from the minister's own National Religious Party. The party argued that this was

in violation of the law and contradicted its relative strength in the local council.

The court also issued an interim injunction barring the council from meeting under its present structure. The council presently has seven members from the NRP, one from the Likud, two from the Alignment and one from Tami. (Itim)

REFRESHMENT. — Two refreshment stations, where drivers may stop for a short rest, cold drink and face towels, are being opened by the municipality at the eastern and western entrances to Haifa, in an effort to encourage safer driving.

IDF to prepare new foods for hungry vegetarian troops

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TZURITIN. — Israel Defence Forces cooks are devising new menus to cater to the increasing number of vegetarians in the army, following complaints by these soldiers that they often leave their mess halls feeling hungry, despite standing orders entitling them to more dairy food.

This was announced yesterday by Tzuriel (Brig. Gen.) Zvi Masuri, chief ordnance officer, at a press conference here on the occasion of the annual Ordinance Corps Day. Masuri said the corps is experimenting with producing such vegetarian dishes as bourekas, blintzes and eggrolls filled with potatoes or spinach, as well as "hamburgers" made from soy. However, it would take months before such foods are available throughout the army.

Masuri said the food consumed daily by a soldier costs the IDF about \$4.50, half of which is spent on the food

itself and half to prepare and to serve it. This is less than in the U.S. military, whose daily actual food cost per soldier is \$3.25, and in the British armed forces, which spend \$2.75, Masuri said. But this is still higher than the average consumption in Israel, he maintained.

Another Ordinance Corps project under development is a riot helmet. Officers said the helmets now in use are uncomfortable and are not resistant enough to sharp objects.

The new helmet is expected to offer protection from shell fragments, ricocheting bullets and rocks. The front part of the helmet is made of transparent polycarbonate, which is strong enough to protect the wearer from shrapnel.

The corps buys some 60,000 different items from 950 producers a year, which are tested by a unit of 50 to 60 experts. Masuri said the corps also sometimes tests items for foreign armies making purchases in Israel.

IDF ombudsman: Same leave for officers and men

Post Defence Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israel Defence Forces commanders are not entitled to longer leaves than their soldiers, the army's ombudsman has determined.

According to *Bamahane*, the army's weekly, the ombudsman looked into the matter after a reservist complained that officers and NCOs in his unit received double the amount of leave accorded to everybody else.

In his report the ombudsman said commanders' leave rights are equal to those of their soldiers. He sent his remarks to the chief of staff, the head of the army's Manpower Branch and the heads of the army's commands.

Missing Hadera boy found near Eilat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Missing Hadera schoolboy Yosef Gukman has been found safe and well among fishermen in Taba south of Eilat, police reported yesterday.

The fishermen saw the story of Gukman's disappearance in yester-

day's newspapers and asked him to go to the local police station, where he telephoned his parents.

Superintendent Yitzhak Lifshitz, head of the Hadera district, said Gukman had promised his parents that he would come home at the end of the week.



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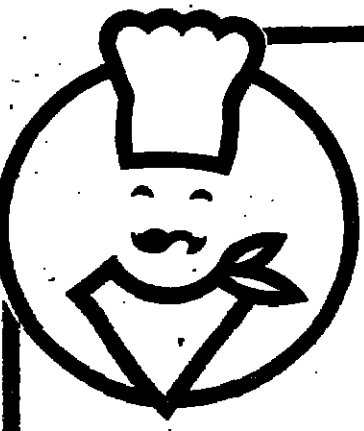
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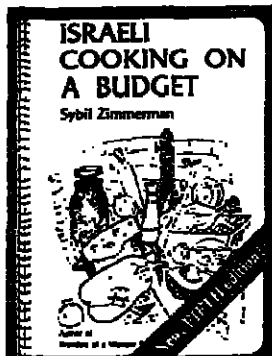


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Venezuelan commandos storm hijack plane

CARACAS (Reuters). - Two Venezuelan commandos killed the two hijackers of an airliner at Curacao airport yesterday, freeing all 79 passengers and crew unhurt, a Venezuelan government spokesman said.

The operation to end the 30-hour hijack of the Venezuelan DC-9 was staged with the help of a U.S. anti-terrorist squad that had flown to the Dutch Antilles island.

The hijackers had demanded a ransom of up to \$10m., weapons and a helicopter. They were identified as Dominique Hiltant, 33, a Haitian political exile with a record of subversive activity, and Felix Segundo, a Dominican.

"The decision to storm the plane was not taken before exhaustively exploring all means of persuading

the hijackers to give themselves up," the spokesman said.

The passengers and crew of the Aeropostal DC-9 were expected to return to Caracas, where the flight began, on the same plane within the next few hours, an airline spokesman said.

Acting Dutch Antilles Prime Minister Don Martina conducted negotiations with the hijackers by radio from the control tower at Curacao airport.

RESTRICTIONS. - France is lifting from today restrictions on the use of credit cards abroad that were introduced last year as part of the government's austerity programme, new Finance Minister Pierre Bergegovoy said yesterday.

China claims breakthrough in Hongkong negotiations

PEKING (Reuters). - Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping said yesterday that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had brought an end to British colonial rule with the negotiations between the nations on the future of Hongkong.

This came as Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian said there was a breakthrough in Sino-British talks on Hongkong's future during the visit of British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe to Peking.

Wu told Hongkong journalists at Peking Airport before leaving on a trip yesterday to Latin America: "In some important questions (during the talks with Howe) the exchange has been in detail."

Howe also met Deng yesterday

before leaving for Hongkong.

Speaking to Howe in front of foreign reporters, Deng said: "I thank you for the great amount of work you have done to settle this question, and I also want to thank Mrs. Thatcher."

"It was General de Gaulle who brought an end to the history of French colonialism. We have to say Prime Minister Thatcher brought an end to British colonial rule," the Chinese leader added.

Howe was due to give a press conference today in Hongkong. Britain's lease on most of the crown colony expires in 1997 and it is negotiating with China to ensure that its 5.3 million people may continue to enjoy their present capitalist lifestyle and civil liberties.

Sell blood abroad to pay off Argentine debt

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). - Three politicians have suggested that Argentines sell their blood abroad to help pay off the country's \$44 billion foreign debt.

"Our plasma is among the best in the world," one of the politicians, Juan Carlos Fernandez, told reporters.

Fernandez and two other members of a neighbourhood committee of the ruling Radical Party advertised the idea Monday in *The Clarin*,

one of the capital's biggest dailies. They said about 10 million Argentines could donate a quarter of a litre of blood every three months, which they said would earn up to \$1 billion a year.

REGISTER. - More than 1.2 million Nicaraguans have registered to vote in November's general elections, exceeding government estimates, the supreme electoral council president said yesterday in Managua.

Soviets blame the West for arms talks stalemate

GENEVA (Reuters). - Soviet delegate Viktor Isserayev said yesterday that western "star wars" plans and attempts to achieve military supremacy are to blame for lack of progress at the 40-nation Geneva Disarmament Conference.

Isserayev's remarks at the end of his one-month term as chairman of the talks drew an immediate rebuke from U.S. delegate Louis Fields, who warned against turning the conference into a "polemical battlefield."

Isserayev said the conference, which concludes its 1984 session at the end of August, is in a stalemate and had made no progress on any questions of substance.

Attempts to begin negotiations on preventing an arms race in space had run into a brick wall, because of

western "star wars" plans for turning outer space into an arena for a military confrontation, he said.

The conference had made no progress on nuclear arms issues, because the West had opted for first use of nuclear weapons as the basis of its military strategy and is developing new types of weapons.

Fields described the statements as "extraordinary." He chided Isserayev, saying the conference president is expected to maintain impartiality while in office.

MEETING. - Butros Ghali, Egyptian state minister for foreign affairs met in Tokyo yesterday with former Japanese foreign minister Masayoshi Ito, who now heads the Japan-Egypt Friendship Association.

Missing Solidarity man issues challenge

WARSAW (Reuters). - Amnestied Solidarity activist Wladyslaw Frasnynik has challenged Poland's Communist rulers to re-arrest him by meeting underground leader Zbigniew Bujak, opposition sources said yesterday.

Frasnynik's whereabouts had been unknown since his release last Friday.

Bujak, who heads the banned trade union's clandestine National Coordinating Commission (TKK), and Frasnynik issued a joint statement declaring that Solidarity would continue its struggle with the authorities.

Frasnynik, 30, said he gave police the slip when he was released from jail near Lodz in central Poland five days ago and met with Bujak, Poland's most wanted political fugitive, in Warsaw.

His disappearance from view alarmed his family, who feared he had been taken into custody again, and forced the government to issue a

denial. A government spokesman announced on Sunday the Frasnynik was "resting in a monastery" since his release.

The opposition sources said the meeting was intended to try to establish the legality of contacts between Solidarity militants being released from prison and the underground.

The idea is to try to win the same freedom of action for activists such as Frasnynik as enjoyed by Solidarity leader Lech Walesa who is allowed relative freedom of action by the government, they added.

Walesa said Monday he plans to organize meetings among union members being freed from prisons under the week-old general amnesty.

Police hold 48 in West Java 'witch-killing' case

JAKARTA (Reuters). - Police have arrested 48 people in West Java in connection with the disappearance of 20 residents earlier this year, a police spokesman said yesterday.

He said some had confessed to killing 13 of the missing people for being sorcerers and practising witchcraft in the area.

Interrogation of the suspects was

continuing, he said, adding that police were searching for 12 more people linked with the disappearances.

Jakarta lawyers said many residents in the region believed witches and sorcerers used their powers in everyday life but also blamed deaths, disasters or problems on them.

Parliament backs move to abolish London council

LONDON (Reuters). - Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government received the approval of Parliament yesterday for moves to abolish the left-of-centre Greater London Council (GLC), which administers key local services in the British capital.

A government bill paving the way for the abolition of the GLC and some other metropolitan councils elsewhere in the country passed its final hurdle in the House of Commons just before dawn.

The measure, centre of a bitter political row between the Conservatives and the opposition Labour Party, will become law when it receives royal assent - formal approval by Queen Elizabeth.

13 die, 44 hurt after train hits cow

POLMONT, Scotland (AP). - Transport Ministry officials opened an investigation yesterday into a rail accident in which 13 passengers died and 44 others were injured when a crowded Edinburgh-to-Glasgow commuter train hit a cow and derailed.

Thirteen other passengers on a train coming the other way on a parallel track also were hurt as they were thrown out of their seats when the engineer slammed on his brakes.

narrowly missing the wreckage of the first train.

Monday's accident happened in a narrow railroad cut near this central Scottish village 32 kilometres north-west of the city of Glasgow. It was the worst mainline railroad accident in Britain in 17 years.

British Rail, the board that runs the nation's state-owned network, brought in cranes yesterday to begin clearing wreckage from the track.

Philadelphia homeless demand the vote

PHILADELPHIA (Reuters). - Homeless people living on park benches in Philadelphia yesterday asked a federal court to give them the right to vote in the state.

Philadelphia opposes such a move, saying people without fixed addresses cannot vote because this would lead to voter fraud.

Except in Washington D.C., U.S. voters must present a fixed address

before they are given the right to vote.

"The people's right to a fair and accurate election without voter fraud, outweighs the loss of voting rights for those who are homeless," deputy city solicitor Ralph Teti told reporters after the hearing before U.S. District Court Judge Joseph Lord.

Salvador rebels kill 66 in attacks

SAN SALVADOR (Reuters). - Leftist guerrillas in El Salvador killed 59 civil defence guards, a soldier and seven civilians Monday in attacks on four hamlets and two farm estates near the capital, military sources and witnesses said.

They said between 300 and 600 guerrillas stormed the sleepy neighbouring villages and estates outside the towns of San Matias and San Juan Opico in La Libertad province, some 25 kilometres west of San Salvador.

Over-eager stewardess to be questioned

AUCKLAND (Reuters). - An Air New Zealand hostess alleged to have taken off her panties, rolled up her skirt and sexually assaulted a sleeping male passenger will appear before airline investigators today.

An airline spokesman confirmed yesterday that a complaint had been filed against the hostess' behaviour on a flight from Auckland to Honolulu. He said the unidentified hostess, who was on a positioning flight, had been suspended and would appear at an internal inquiry. He would not say whether the findings would be released.

The alleged hijinks in the air were first reported by an Auckland-based weekly newspaper which said the hostess climbed on top of the sleeping man. Earlier, it said, she had been discovered in an aircraft toilet with a man who accidentally triggered the "assistance required" button.

The president of the Airline Stewards and Hostess Union, Peter Best, said on Monday the union was investigating the type of medication believed to have been taken by the hostess.

"I have seen some weird things happen with passengers who have taken pre-flight medication and then had a few drinks after takeoff," he said. "We have every indication this happened to this girl."



Three more swim records smashed

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). - Three world records were broken in the swimming pool on Monday night, by Michael Gross of West Germany, Alex Baumann of Canada and a U.S. relay team, bringing to six the total set in only five men's events so far at the games.

Gross swam the fastest men's 100 metres butterfly ever contested. He recorded 53.08 seconds to cut 0.15 seconds off the record set earlier by American Pablo Morales.

Morales, the son of Cuban immigrants, took the silver with 53.23, also inside his old world mark.

"I swam my best time and got beat by a great athlete," Morales said.

The race saw seven out of the eight competitors create national records with career-best times.

Gross came within 0.04 seconds of achieving a remarkable feat in one of the great swimming clashes in Olympic history.

Seventy-five minutes after winning his second gold medal and his second world record, Gross started again aiming to make up a deficit of 1.5 seconds in the relay and so to grab a third gold.

He failed. But his effort against the U.S. in the men's 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay will be remembered as one of the finest swims at the Olympic Games.



Alex Baumann

The Americans won the relay in seven minutes 15.69 seconds, smashing the record they set in the heats by 3.18 seconds. The West Germans finished 0.04 seconds behind, thanks to the amazing final leg by Gross. His time of 1:46.89 is the fastest ever relay leg for 200 metres.

"He had caught me up after only 50 metres. I could hardly believe it. I just put my head down and started kicking," said Bruce Hayes, who swam the final leg for the U.S.

The next world record came when the men's 400 individual medley when

Canadian Alex Baumann reduced his own world mark by 0.12 seconds in recording four minutes 17.41 seconds. Ricardo Prado of Brazil finished second and the bronze went to Australian Robert Woodhouse.

"It's been a long grind for me and an even longer one for Canada," the Czech-born Baumann said. Canada had not won an Olympic swimming gold for 72 years.

Canada did not have to wait so long for their second gold. It came in the next final when Anne Ottenbrite won the women's 200 metres breaststroke.

A fast finishing Sue Rapp of the U.S. was second and the bronze went to Belgian newcomer Ingrid Lempereur who improved her career-best time by six seconds and at only 15 is an outstanding European prospect.

There was some doubt as to whether Ottenbrite could compete in the Olympics. She missed her national trials after damaging a knee in a fall from a pair of high-heeled shoes.

"My knee did not bother me at all. It felt fine tonight," she said.

The remaining final brought the U.S. their fifth swimming gold when Mary Wayte defeated longtime rival Cynthia Woodhead in the women's 200 metres freestyle.

Boxer brings Israel first win

By TOM TUGEND
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LOS ANGELES. - Boxer Yehuda Ben-Haim finally brought Israel a victory when he fought his way to a brilliant points victory in the lightweight division (up to 48 kgs.) over Michael Abu Dankwa of Ghana. Four judges against one voted in his favour. Now in the last 16, he faces 22-year-old John Lyon, the British champion since 1981 and a silver medalist in the last Commonwealth Games.

The Ghanaian was the more aggressive, but the 18-year-old Israeli soldier withstood his onslaught by means of a polished defence, and accumulated points through his superior technique. Ben-Haim, from Petah Tikva, an electrician in the IDF, said about his pending encounter with Lyon, "I'm afraid of nobody."

Shlomo Niyazov, the other Israeli boxer, lost on points to a Pakistani, Asif Kamran Dar.

Among the swimmers, Yoram Cohavi, was fifth in his heat in the



Yehuda Ben Haim

400m. individual medley in 4.35.70, a full two seconds outside his own best time. Nevertheless, his time was good enough to get him into the consolation final, in which he came last.

Hadar Rubinstein was three seconds off her own national record and finished fifth in her heat in the 200m. freestyle in 2.12.36, placing her 26th among 36 entrants. It must

be borne in mind that she was suffering from the aftermath of a bout of bronchitis.

Israel's women gymnasts, Limor Friedman and Nancy Goldsmith, were obviously completely overwhelmed by the occasion, and did themselves far less than justice due to their nervousness, finishing last and second last respectively.

Among the marksmen, Yair Davidovitz took 23rd spot out of a field of 71 in the English match small-bore event, in which he scored 590 points, while his colleague, Yitzhak Yinnusi, was 49th with 582. The American winner, Ed Etzel, got a near perfect 599 out of 600.

Israel's team leader, Shmuel Lalkin, told *The Post* that Israel does not expect to win many medals but wants to be counted as good sportsmen in the gathering of 140 nations.

But Israel did score one gold, at least in the eyes of music lovers, who heard Zohar Nativ conduct the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra on Sunday night at the Hollywood Bowl, with Yitzhak Perlman as soloist.

Patrons paid up to \$1,000 for two tickets, and a free dinner to benefit the Hebrew University and the IPO.

Medal table

Olympics medal table after the second day of competition:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
U.S.	9	6	—
Canada	3	3	—
China	3	2	1
Germany	3	1	3
Australia	—	1	4
France	—	1	1
Brazil	—	1	—
Sweden	—	1	—
Britain	—	—	2
Japan	—	—	2
Netherlands	—	—	2
Belgium	—	—	1
Norway	—	—	1

U.S. shock Chinese

LOS ANGELES (AP). - The Chinese men gymnasts, who won the team title at the 1983 World Championships in Budapest, found themselves trailing the Americans 295.30-294.25 after the first day of compulsory exercises. Japan was third with 292.40. The gold medal will be decided after the optional exercises.

The Americans were led by perfect 10's from Mitch Gaylord and Peter Vidmar.

Women's gymnastics started Monday, with Rumania taking the intermediate lead with 196.15 points to 195.70 for the U.S. and 194.15 for China.

In the women's gymnastics, Mary Lou Retton completed the first stage of her bid for the crown when she helped the U.S. take control of the team event.

The powerful 16-year-old schoolgirl, tipped to land the overall individual gold, turned in a series of magnificent performances. The Americans ended their session of compulsory exercises on 195.70 points, comfortably ahead of West Germany and Japan.

Retton and Julianne McNamara, both coached by defector Bela Karolyi who steered Rumania's Nadia Comaneci to three golds and the first ever perfect score of 10 at the 1976 Montreal Games, opened up with 9.90 and 9.80 respectively on the vault.

Retton added 9.80 on the uneven

bars, 9.85 on the beam and crowned a glorious display with 9.95 on the floor while the fiercely partisan crowd roared for 10.

McNamara also sparkled on the beam but was best rewarded for superlative showings on the uneven bars and floor which earned her 9.90.

The American brilliance sparkle put most other competitors in the shade. But Elfin Spaniard Laura Munoz and Japan's Sae Watanabe and Maiko Morio gave sparkling performances.

But world champion gymnast Ecaterina Szabo picked up the gauntlet thrown down by the U.S. as the women's team event swung towards a pulsating finale.

The breathtaking 17-year-old became the eighth woman - and the fourth Rumanian - to score a perfect 10 in Olympic competition. She gave a faultless floor display to crown a superb performance by the world championship team silver medalists.

The Rumanians ended the compulsory exercises on 196.15 points, a lead of 0.45 points over the Americans.

Near perfection

CHINO, California (AP). - American shooter Ed Etzel won the gold medal in the men's English match small-bore rifle competition. Etzel, 31, was just one point shy of perfection, scoring 599 out of 600 points at the Prado recreation area.

A mouse messed up the opening of trapshooting competition, growing through a conduit and causing a short circuit in the machine that launches clay pigeons for the gunners. Shooters called as usual for the bird to be released by yelling, "pull" into a microphone. Nothing happened. The releasing device didn't respond because of the short.

Windies wipe English

MANCHESTER (Reuters). - The West Indies, having already clinched the series with successive victories in the first three tests, yesterday won through the routine of another convincing win over England in the fourth cricket test here at Old Trafford.

England, 120-5 at the start of play yesterday, finally collapsed to 156 for nine, giving the West Indies a victory by an innings and 64 runs. England's injured batsman Paul Terry, who batted with a broken arm in a slip in the first innings, did not bat.

Captain David Gower was the final batsman to be dismissed. He was out for 37 not out. Spinner Roger Handberg took 6 for 57 and paceman Joel Garner 5 for 25. Star batsman Gordon Greenidge won the "Man of the Match" award for his tremendous second successive double century of the series.

Baseball: Monday

American League
Kansas City 7, Toronto 4; Texas 5, Baltimore 1; New York 4, Milwaukee 3; Chicago 7, Boston 0; Minnesota 9, Seattle 5; California 5, Oakland 4, 12 innings.

National League
Chicago 3, Philadelphia 2; Montreal 3, Pittsburgh 1; Los Angeles 3, New York 1; 10 innings; Houston 4, Atlanta 3; San Diego 12, Los Angeles 0.

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Money Matters

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Month closes on dull note

TEL AVIV - July was not a month lacking in drama and price swings in both directions in every sector of the stock market. The last two trading sessions were exceptionally dull, however, with yesterday taking pride of place for lack of meaningful activity.

Taking bonds first, the volume in this market dropped to IS1.25 billion - considerably below the levels of last week - and the prices showed little change. Only the dollar-linked bonds managed an upward move of more than one per cent, while the index-linked sectors were up or down by very small margins.

In the share market the overall results were equally nondescript, with none of the major indices succeeding in making a move of significant proportions. Volume remained in the IS300 million area, which is now in the order of \$1.8m. This is an improvement on the rock-bottom levels of IS330m-350m seen last week, but still not much to write home about.

Fortunately, a degree of interest was evoked by the action of individual issues. Israel General Bank's new, non-"arrangement" share began its career with a large 17.5 per cent rise. This share will probably continue to attract interest on the basis of its being the only one able to reflect the health of an "arrangement" bank while not being covered by the "arrangement" itself. Unfortunately, the very small size of General, compared to the other "arrangement" banks reduces its value as a true barometer.

Galei Zohar continued to race ahead, following its announcement that it would be raising new capital through a private placement.

Lachish Industries and the Dead Sea Works responded to their positive profit figures by rising 10 and 8.3 per cent respectively. Mar-Lez also rose, in the wake of its announcement of its involvement in the Tel Aviv central bus station development. Lipschitz, more directly involved, failed to respond.

For followers of curiosities, of which the Tel Aviv exchange has many, the performance of the Atlas option is often a source of pleasure. After Monday's 18 per cent rise, to 215, yesterday saw an even sharper fall, of 41 points - or 19 per cent - to 174.

Announcements: No less than eight companies published their profit and loss figures for the 1983/84 year that ended on March 31. Of these, five were industrial companies, and all save one showed real losses. The odd-man out, Fertilizers, is an export-oriented company dependent on the state of the world market for its profits. The two property and de-

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

velopment firms that reported, both succeeded in achieving a small real profit, and the last concern, an oil company, had a hefty loss.

This random sample serves to highlight the trends that are all too obviously rampant in the private sector: low or declining profitability and an inability to surmount the problems posed by hyper-inflation and economic uncertainty. The results in full:

Aradani Properties achieved a small profit of IS3.7m, after adjustment for inflation had all but eliminated the nominal profit of IS161m. However, this is a significant improvement over last year's equivalent loss of IS28.4m.

Cohen Development and Industrial Buildings also turned round a real loss of IS11.6m, in 1982/83 to a profit of IS2.4m, in 1983/84.

King Engine Bearings lost IS72.9m, after inflation-adjustment, a three-fold increase over the previous loss of IS22.9m.

Elico, a subsidiary of Discount Investments, had a disastrous year, primarily due to the purchasing cut-back of its main customer, the Electric Corporation. The company lost IS517m, compared to IS290m. Management claims to have obtained alternative sources of new orders and to have reached an agreement with the Electric Corp. to spread their purchases over time.

Recently, the company succeeded in developing new products in the robotics field, a new departure for it. At an international exhibition these new systems aroused interest on the part of U.S. companies and negotiations over joint development have begun.

Katzenstein-Adler reported a loss of IS106m, after inflation, compared with a real profit of IS24m, in 1982/83.

Fertilizers and Chemicals, a subsidiary of the Dead Sea Works, recorded an adjusted profit of IS752m. Coming after the loss of IS366m, in the previous year, this represents an even more dramatic improvement than the figures published by the parent company on Monday.

Bar-Ton, by contrast, lost IS112.4m, up from an equivalent loss of IS46.5m, in 1982/83.

Naphta, Israel Petroleum Corp., lost IS105.7m, in 1983/84, compared to IS94.8m, in 1982/83. All these profit and loss figures are after inflationary adjustment, and

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices

General Share Index	262.55	+0.79
Non-bank Index	197.74	+0.89
Arrangement Bank Index	307.36	+0.76
Industrial	211.43	+1.09
Bond Index	250.02	+0.12

Turnovers

Shares	IS14.9m.
Bonds	IS1.249m.
Total	IS17.645m.
Advances	166
Declines	103
of which 5% of which 5%	18
"Buyers only"	11
"Sellers only"	7

Bond market trends

4% fully-linked:	Mixed to 6%
3% fully-linked:	Stable/Rises to 2%
80% linked:	Falls to 3%
90% linked:	Mixed to 1%
Double option:	Stable/Rises to 1-3%
Index-linked:	Falls to 5%

Most Active Shares

Hapolim	6560	IS191.6m.	n.c.
IDB	9800	IS63.5m.	+210
Leumi	4259	IS59m.	+48

Sharpest Moves

Atlas opt.	67	-16	-19.3%
Atlas opt.	174	-41	-19.1%
Hiron opt.	45	+7	+18.4%
General IS1	2600	+387	+17.5%

expressed in constant March 1984 shekels.

Delta Gall Industries announced that it bought off the floor from its parent, Delta Textile Holdings (1975), a block of shares in Spectronix at a total cost of \$336,000. The price was fixed in line with the market price on July 30.

The company, in response to the exchange's request, noted that the investment was authorized by the board, including the "public representatives." The block involved does not make Delta Gall an "insider" in Spectronix, since it only gives it less than 4 per cent of the capital. The motive for the investment was to find a suitable investment vehicle for the surplus funds the company had available, and Spectronix seemed to meet the criterion of being able to at least preserve the real value of the funds involved. The deal was transacted on a cash basis, with immediate payment.

Elsicnt R & D announced a cash dividend of \$0.58 per share, ex-day August 6; payment August 22, according to the representative rate on the day preceding the payment. The dividend stems from royalties from Elscint from sales of products based on the research of Elscint R & D, in the first quarter of 1984.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

	IS
U.S. dollar	262.56
British sterling	369.02
German mark	97.562
French franc	31.791
Dutch guilder	86.329
Swiss franc	114.72
Swedish krona	33.648
Norwegian krona	33.905
Danish krone	26.701
Finnish mark	46.380
Canadian dollar	215.08
Australian dollar	234.52
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More illusions

A "senior Defence Ministry source" was quoted in all the newspapers yesterday expressing optimism about the growing efficiency of General Antoine Lahad's South Lebanese Army.

That would be encouraging if it was possible to believe that an efficient South Lebanese Army could extricate Israel from Lebanon. But it cannot and, therefore, the optimism expressed by the "senior source" only serves to further blur, rather than clarify, the situation for the public.

No matter how efficient General Lahad is, he and his force will never be able to exert military control over the South's 600,000 Shi'ites and 95,000 Palestinians — not unless the Shi'ites, through their Amal leadership are made at least tacit partners to the security arrangements in the area.

Therefore the government's policy, of making an Israeli withdrawal conditional on Lahad's ability to control South Lebanon for Israel is simply unrealistic.

Unfortunately, since the collapse of the May 17 agreement on Lebanon and the subsequent collapse of Israel's grand strategy, our defence planners have been locked in on a single option: that of building up the SLA into a force powerful enough to replace the IDF. That the SLA has been unable to attract non-Christian members, (despite the high salaries offered) and that its operational capability leaves much to be desired, have not moved Israeli defence planners to change their minds. Nor have they been provoked by the nagging question of the SLA's chances of survival against an estimated 5,000 Shi'ite militiamen organized under Amal in the South, radical, Syrian-backed elements of the PLO, and Islamic fundamentalists who have penetrated the South in alarming numbers in recent months, let alone the latent hostility of the mass of local inhabitants who consider Lahad no less an occupier than the IDF or the PLO.

No less extraordinary about Monday's briefing by the senior defence source, was the emphasis given to the fact that the number of attacks against Israeli forces in Southern Lebanon decreased in June. Unfortunately that same day it was reported that nine attacks against Israeli forces had been recorded in 48 hours.

While the June figures may have been less than those in May, the July figures will turn out to be much higher than the impression given by the defence source, whose overall optimism seemed totally incongruous with the reality we are facing in Lebanon.

There has to be new thinking on Lebanon before the mud turns into quicksand. Labour's expressed views on the subject are uncomfortably similar to those of the Likud. Neither party has publicly recognized that if the IDF is to ever get out of Lebanon, a *modus vivendi* must be established with the Shi'ites of the South. They certainly do not want the PLO back, and they have a militia capable of ensuring that they can be kept out.

More detailed thought must also be given to the deployment of an international force in the zone that will separate Lahad's area from that of Amal's to the north, and to the tactical security arrangements Israel will need to guarantee its defence interests.

It is possible to pull the IDF out of Lebanon. But this will not happen as long as Israel's thinking is limited by a seemingly inviolable commitment to a single option, that has been proven costly and unrealistic.

POLITICIANS SCEPTICAL

(Continued from Page One)

charged Menachem Begin with forming a government in 1981, declined to talk politics, but commented that it was "nice" to return to a place where he had once "lived and worked."

The Alignment leaders' departure was almost immediately followed by the arrival of Premier Shamir, accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, Health Minister Eliezer Shostak and Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i. They were closeted in Beit Hanassi for 65 minutes, after which Shamir emerged to speak to waiting reporters.

The prime minister said he was delighted by Herzog's initiative of holding preliminary talks with the two major parties before holding formal consultations.

Shamir said he had asked Herzog choose him to try to form a national unity government. Significantly, though, he did not reject outright the possibility of the Likud taking part in such a government if headed by the Alignment.

Shamir said the country's pressing problems required a broad coalition. The economic difficulties required an "extraordinary effort," and Israel's democracy also needed "strengthening through a number of measures."

Shamir said that all other parties interested in a unity government should also participate in the negotiations.

Asked about the chance of two such disparate parties as Labour and Likud getting together, Shamir said that there was little disagreement between them in economic matters, and that even regarding Lebanon, both agreed in principle and differed only in "nuances. There are no difficulties that cannot be bridged."

However, since the chances of a national unity government were not certain, the Likud would continue to negotiate with the smaller parties to try to form a majority government.

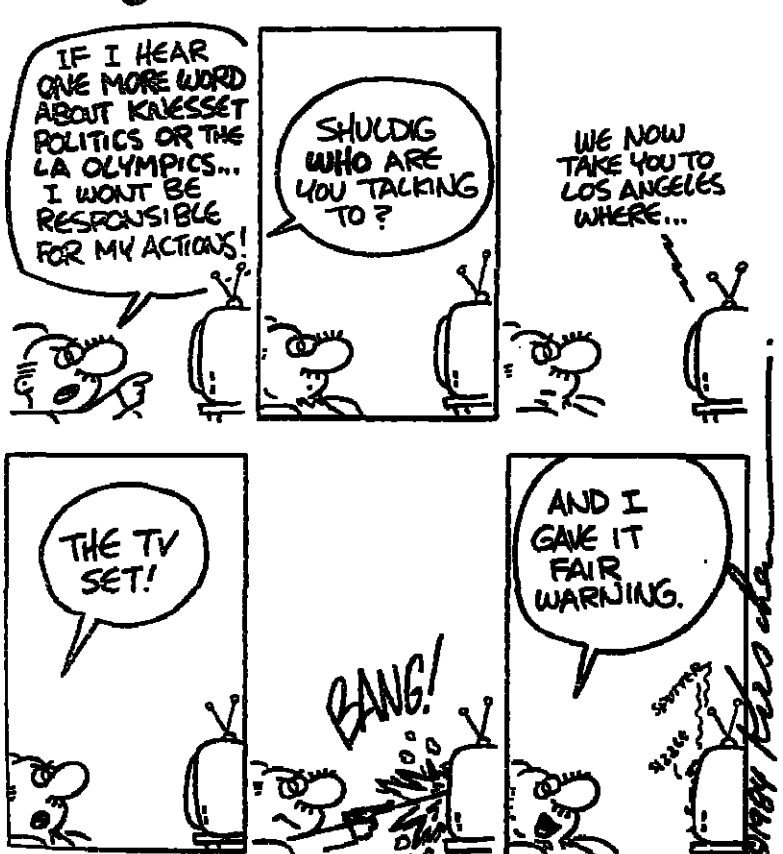
Herzog will this morning meet again with the Alignment in formal talks at 9, followed by the Likud at 11. At 5 p.m., leaders of Tehiya will come to speak to the president, who will see leaders of the National Religious Party at 6. Democratic Front for Peace and Equality representatives at 7 and Sephardi Tora Guardians (Shas) at 8 p.m.

The Alignment, which had originally planned to send a lower-level delegation to the informal talks, changed its mind and sent its leaders after learning that the Likud would be represented yesterday by Shamir and Levy.

Security outside Beit Hanassi was tight, as journalists and photographers were required to wear special stamped pink tags and were not allowed to enter Beit Hanassi. Extra police and border patrolmen were on guard.

Beit Hanassi hopes to conclude the talks by Friday.

Dry Bones



Two views on the notion of a national unity government

Chimera of unity

By ROY ISACOWITZ

and no government, national unity or otherwise, will succeed in curing the symptoms without treating the causes.

THE BLAND election campaigns of both the Likud and the Alignment deliberately avoided mentioning what actually needs to be done to resuscitate the economy. Nevertheless, it is reasonable to assume that their projected policies are largely similar — drastic budget cuts, currency controls, a freeze on wages and prices, a reorientation towards exports and the like.

Such measures cannot be implemented by a hamstringing and divided national unity government that has agreed to exclude huge chunks of expenditure from its sphere of activities for the sake of internal harmony. They can only be effected by a government — even a government based on only 61 members — that has its own house sufficiently in order to push the necessary legislation through the Knesset and then implement it. And we, the electorate, need a strong opposition to keep the government in line.

Peres's task is clear. He needs to establish a disciplined, narrowly based government that is not hostage to the whims and tantrums of its spoiled smaller partners. He cannot give in to Shas on "Who is a Jew" and to the National Religious Party on Petah Tikva, because to do so is to invite no end of similar demands. If they join his government, they do so in order to be part of a national enterprise, not as a gang of petty common splitters of the spoils.

If they do not join — if their greed and self-interest prevail — then Peres must forget about forming a government.

No national interest will be served by having the Alignment bear part of the blame for the Likud's incompetence and the pain that will necessarily follow. If it is incumbent on any party to demonstrate national responsibility, that party is the Likud. It is sheer gall for those responsible for the mess to now presume to clear it up. They should rather hide their heads, pack their bags and go home.

THIS IS undoubtedly the time for a clear change of course: for bold and vigorous action. But the last thing that is needed is the panacea of a national unity government.

If the Alignment cannot form a government unfettered by secret deals and blackmail, its boldest, most responsible, step would be to stand aside. It has sufficient self-examination to do without putting itself on the national unity rack.

The Likud got us into this mess. If the Alignment cannot obtain the minimum conditions for reasonably unfettered operation, it should let the Likud try to get us out.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

A long-term solution

By MANFRED GERSTENFELD

ISRAEL IS A heterogeneous nation. The countries of origin and the cultural backgrounds of its inhabitants are extremely varied, perhaps more than in any other democracy. In addition to that, there is an Arab minority with goals that are not necessarily compatible with either a democracy or a Jewish state.

It is against this background that the question emerges whether the present frantic efforts to form a coalition are healthy. In some countries, such as England, it is perfectly acceptable that the representatives of one part of the population rule over the other part. Often the ruling party gets a comfortable majority, due to the system of district elections and "winner takes all," without even approaching 50 per cent of the votes.

England is an old established democracy. Compared to Israel it is very homogeneous. In spite of its electoral system and one-party rule, the country's economic and foreign policy performance since World War II has been unimpressive. Were it not for the North Sea Oil bonanza, its economic situation would have been much worse.

In Israel there has been a constant demand to change the electoral system to constituency representation. The Democratic Movement for Change, the most significant centre party in the country's history, made it the major issue of its platform in the 1977 elections. It is naive though to think that a change in the system would provide a miraculous solution to a structural problem.

WITH SO many different priorities, there is an objective need for small parties. To counter this by making Knesset entry more difficult may well create extraparlimentary opposition which is more dangerous than the present situation. And Israeli parliamentary life would have been much poorer without some of the representatives of the smaller factions.

It is this heterogeneous character which is also partly behind inflation. If everyone's priorities have to be met, the state has to hand out money which it does not have. Rather than seeking electoral reform, where small shifts in voter preference lead to big shifts in parliamentary representation, one should seek a more permanent political solution. A country such as Israel cannot be governed in the long term by coalition governments backed by 50 per cent of the parliamentarians.

The Likud government, in particular the second one, has been a disaster for the country. An Alignment or Likud government based on a coalition of 61 votes will be worse, because of the increasing polarization. In Israel one half of the country

governing the other half will only lead to a further increase of tensions.

Israel has to be governed by a government of national unity, even if it will be difficult to bridge the views of the two big parties. It is undesirable from a national point of view that the extreme religious, extreme nationalists, the extreme doves and the extreme anti-religious or those which base themselves on ethnic differences should be represented in the government. Their natural place is in the opposition. The price to be paid for their priorities is far higher than the cost of the effort to let the two major parties form a government.

ONE CAN understand that Mr. Peres and Mr. Shamir do not wish to serve under each other. Both being losers in the elections, and in view of the antagonism between the parties, the prime minister should be neither from the Alignment nor the Likud. In Israel, unfortunately, according to law, the prime minister has to be a member of parliament.

This leaves little choice. Both Mr. Burg and Mr. Weizman, who from the point of view of their views could be considered, did not fare too well in the elections. If there is a need for urgent electoral change, it should be in the provision that the prime minister could also be from outside the Knesset.

Thus, it would be much easier to find an acceptable centre politician with both the stature and the views to lead such a government. Such a prime minister without party interests would mediate between the two big parties. Much mediation will be necessary, but probably less than with many small coalition partners, each of which could bring the government down on side issues.

TO MENTION one possible candidate, the justice minister in the first Likud-led government, Shmuel Tamir, has both the views and the capabilities. Although of Likud origin, he is willing to accept territorial compromise. He has shown distinguished performance as a minister. It would not be demeaning for either Mr. Peres or Mr. Shamir to see under him. There may well be other candidates once the provision of a parliamentarian as a prime minister disappears.

There is a clear majority in all opinion polls for a coalition of national unity of the two big parties. President Herzog's role in the next weeks should be judged as to whether he can bring the two parties towards this. To Mr. Peres and Mr. Shamir one should wish, on behalf of the nation, rapid failure of their efforts to form small coalitions.

The writer is an economic consultant living in Jerusalem.

READERS' LETTERS

ANDRÉ SIMONE, ALIAS OTTO KATZ

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir. — In his article, "Philby and the Jewish problem" (July 13), Michael Agursky states that André Simone (Otto Katz), one of the defendants in the Slansky trial, had close contacts with Philby's associates "when he was at the BBC's Czech service during the war."

I happened to know André Simone and, during the war, I was in practically daily touch with those working in the BBC's Czech service. I can assure Mr. Agursky that Simone-Katz was never in London during the war and arrived in England only shortly after the war, together with his friend, the writer Egon Erwin Kisch from South America, where both spent most of the war years. I can also state with certainty that Simone had nothing to do with the BBC's Czech broadcasts. I can only hope that the rest of Mr. Agursky's information is more reliable.

Jerusalem AVIGDOR DĀGAN

INFLATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir. — As a first-time visitor to Israel, one of the first things I learned about was your famous inflation rate. I really did not get a feeling for this until the other day.

While staying at a hotel in Jerusalem, I purchased small box of candy at the store in the hotel for IS77. The next day, I purchased the same candy at the same store and was told the price had gone up to IS107 — an increase of 39 per cent. I thought that was a rather healthy increase, but in the afternoon, I again wanted to purchase the same candy at the same store, and was told the price was IS194 — an increase of 152 per cent in one day!

I love Israel, but I don't know how the Israelis live with this kind of inflation.

LOUIS GOLDSTEIN
Jerusalem (Uniondale, N.Y.)

ELECTORAL REFORM NEEDED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir. — The ironies of this past election are painful. Democracy taken to an absurd extreme — the one per cent limit — has spawned its opposite number. The need to change the law which highlights divisions within our society and provides an undesired platform for any fanatic on the fringe who can muster a small following is urgent. National divisions are deep enough without our exacerbating them by allowing tiny minorities to decide our fate with maneuverings on a political chess board.

HADASSAH HASKALE
Jerusalem.

Dr. Michael Agursky comments:

It is a credit to me that Mr. Dagan, the author of the book "Moscow Jerusalem," found only one minor inaccuracy in my article.

Indeed, Otto Katz worked during World War II not with the BBC, but with another service. However, it has no importance whatsoever with regard to the claim that Katz was an important Soviet link to Burgess and Philby. E. Cookridge tells about Katz in his book, "The Third Man" and says that he was "the cleverest and most dangerous" Soviet secret agent, with the rank of colonel. Katz was also an outstanding personality in the European cultural elite before the war.

Cookridge and Margaret Buber-Neumann also blame Katz for being directly implicated in political assassination.

Mr. Dagan does not contest that Katz was a Soviet superspy.

INTIMIDATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir. — I was appalled to read that one reason why no action was taken against Meir Kahane after his "victory march" was that no one had lodged a complaint. As if the very purpose of that march had not been to create an atmosphere of intimidation! One can imagine some brave soul, Arab or Jewish, lodging a complaint, and having his windows smashed (or worse) by one or another of Kahane-inspired thugs.

Anyone old enough is irresistibly reminded of Nazi behaviour during the Weimar Republic. They too deliberately created an atmosphere of intimidation at election time. ("Clear the streets for us..." was one of their songs.) There was just one difference in tactics. Unlike Kahane, the Nazis marched before the elections. Had Kahane done the same, surely the eyes of many people, well-intentioned but misguided enough to vote for him, would have been opened in time.

EMIL L. FACKENHEIM
Jerusalem.

COMPARATIVE PRICES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir. — In her "Marketing with Martha" article of July 6, Martha Meisels fails to bring out one very important fact in her otherwise interesting comparison of food prices in the U.S. and in Israel, and that is that Israeli salaries are considerably lower than their American counterparts. Mine, for example, as a research chemist in industry, is about one quarter what I would earn in a similar position in the U.S.

Comparing prices alone is thus too misleading. Ms. Meisels should also report prices as some per cent of the national average salary, or in average working hours needed to buy the items. The difference is substantial, even when prices are similar.

SUSAN D. ELANI

Kfar Sava. Martha Meisels comments:

A point well taken. I have on occasion pointed out that Israeli salaries are lower — which makes our higher prices even more absurd, and harder to bear.

SELLING KNOWHOW

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir. — I read with great amusement your report of July 18 regarding the establishment of an Eggad subsidiary to sell "knowhow on how to run a business." Undoubtedly the next step will be the formation of a similar company by the Ministry of Communications Bezek to sell knowhow on how to run a telephone company.

They had better hurry. They may get stiff competition from the Cairo bus and telephone companies.

STEPHEN D. ROOT
Rishon LeZion.

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